

Ava Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE *Newsletter*

Ava Area Chamber of Commerce



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February 2021

What's Happening

2/8 Chamber Board Meeting
@ 5pm

2/9 Chamber Luncheon
@ 12:00pm

2021 Chamber Officers

President: Anita Madche

V.P.: Richard Sturgeon

Secretary: Gail Huffman

Treasurer: Betty Ridenour

2021 Board Members

Bart Ellison, Teresa Nash
Bob Sellers, Amy Porter,
Danny Letsinger, Glenda Little
Bob Sorensen, Wes Davis,
Dick Salgado

Office Staff

Judy Shields, Director
Nina Carter, Office Assistant
Bill Jones, Office Support

Chamber Board Meetings

are held on the second Monday
of each month. To be a guest or
add an item to the agenda,
contact the Chamber office.

Chamber Luncheons

are held on the second Tuesday
of each month at 12:00 and are
complimentary to members.
Contact the office for infor-
mation on hosting a Luncheon.

Economic Development

Meetings held each month.

Contact Us

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Chamber Board Elects 2021 Officers – Welcomes new Board Members

The Ava Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome Wes Davis and Bob Sellers to serve on the Chamber Board of Directors. They join eleven other business and community members who serve our community and business sector through the Ava Chamber and its activities: Anita Madche, President; Richard Sturgeon, Vice President; Gail Huffman, Secretary; Betty Ridenour, Treasurer, Bart Ellison, Glenda Little, Dick Salgado, Amy Porter, Danny Letsinger, Bob Sorensen, and Teresa Nash.

The Chamber would like to recognize its outgoing Board Members, Kenny Fleetwood and Brandi Stanifer, for their years of service. Their time and dedication to the Ava Chamber of Commerce is much appreciated.

The Ava Chamber of Commerce is successful and effective in our community due to the time and dedication of its Board Members and staff, and through the support and partnership received from the City of Ava.



Volunteers are Priceless in a Community! Let Us Honor Ours.

Two Prestigious Awards - John Dickson Award
& Will McFarlin Youth Award – to be Given to
Outstanding Citizens of Douglas County.

The Chamber of Commerce will be
honoring your nominees and announcing
the two winning recipients at the annual Chamber of Commerce
Membership & Awards Banquet in the spring.

If you are aware of an individual who fits one of the award
descriptions, please write a short paragraph and tell us why that
individual deserves to be honored. Be sure to include
mention of his or her involvement in community activities, events,

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2021 New & Renewed Memberships in January!

2B Healthy, LLC	DOCOSheltered Workshop	McDonald's Restaurant of Ava
ACAL-Ava Citizens Action League	Dorsey's Self-Storage	Melancholy Roasting
Ace Grading, Land Clearing, & Utility Installation	Douglas County Community Foundation	Memory Lane Antiques
Action Realty	Douglas County Fair Board	Mercy Health Clinic Ava
Advantage Gas Service	Douglas County Fox Trotting Horse Breeders Association	MFA
AIDC-Ava Industrial Development	Douglas County Historical Society & Museum	Mill Country Title
Ambit Technologies	Douglas County Library	Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Assn.
American Family Insurance	Douglas County Missouri Fire Chiefs Association	Missouri Ozarks Community Health
American Legion –Troy Herd Post 112	Douglas County Republican Committee	Missouri Real Estate of the Ozarks
Animal Clinic of Ava	Douglas County University of Missouri Extension Office	MOCH Wellness Center
Archie's Family Restaurant	El Tule Oaxaca Mexican Restaurant	Moore Hampton Trucking
Assumption Abbey	Emerson Climate Technologies	Moore Kennel
Ava Art Guild	FCNB Insurance Services, Inc.	MS Propane
Ava Assembly of God	First Southern Baptist Church	Murney Associates Realtors- Joanne Couthie
Ava Beverage	Forrest Pump Service	National TV Sales & Rental
Ava Building Supply/Mansfield Home Center	Gainesville Health Care Center	Options Pregnancy Center of Ava
Ava Family Dental	Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland	Ozark Action Inc.
Ava General Baptist Church	Haro Brothers Restaurant	Ozark FunGuys
Ava Lions Club	Heart of the Ozarks Health Care Center	Ozark Mountains Digital Marketing
Ava Place	Heath & Son Feed & Supply Inc	Ozark Mountains Real Estate
Ava R-1 Schools	Heritage Farm	Ozarks Family Vision Centre
Ava Redi-Mix	Highway Church of the Nazarene	Ozarks Small Business Incubator
Ava Springs	Home Pride Bank	Penmac Employment Agency
Ava Tire Shop	Hospice Compassus	Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks
Ava TrueView Family Theater	Hucklebuck Smoke-N-Grill	Pro Design Screen Printing
Ava United Methodist Church	Hurricane Bay Carwash - Ava	Rockbridge Trout Ranch & Gun Club
Barnum & Associates Choice Realty	Impressions Floral & More	Russell Cellular
Bates-Crouch Law Office	Interior Solutions	Scotty Upchurch Plumbing
Bethany Baptist Church	J & L Tire	Sho-Me Real Estate
Better Business Bureau Springfield	J & R Sand and Gravel	Show Me The Pets Mobile Grooming
Big Country Radio 99.3 FM	Jane's Beauty Shop	Signal - Scrivener Oil Company, Inc.
Blondie's Boutique	J&S Golf Cars	Sonic Drive-In
Blooming Blessings	JBrothers True Value	State Farm Insurance-David Coday
Bread of Life Thrift Store	Jean's Healthway	Stockmens Bank
Casey's General Store	Jim's Body Shop, Inc.	Subway of Ava
Century Bank of the Ozarks	Katie West Art	Summit Natural Gas
Christos House	KKOZ Radio 92.1 FM	Tarrant Insurance Agency
City of Ava	Kneading You SkinCare & Massage	Tax Diva Services
Clinkingbeard Funeral Home	L & D Trophies & Engraving	Teen Harvest
Common Grounds Coffee House	LaTour Advisory Group Inc.	The Barn
Cornerstone Contracting Co.	Longdollar Furniture & Appliance Station	The Law Offices of Christopher J. Swatosh
Crystal Lakes Fisheries	Mark Twain National Forest Ranger Station	The Work Horse Western Wear
Curtis Department Stores	Massage & Body Works	Thomas and Douglas CPA
D.D. Hamilton Title Insurance		Thomas Heating & Air
Davis Auto Sales		
Davis Automotive Center LLC.		
Denney Chiropractic		

Renewed Memberships Cont.

Touch of Healing Wellness Center
Town & Country Bank
Town & Country Supermarket
Trinity Lutheran Church of Ava
True Brew-Bread of Life Giving & Sharing
Twin Bridges Canoe & Campground
United Country Area Land Realty
VFW Auxiliary—Post 5993
VFW Russell T. Scott Post 5993
Walmart
Whiddon's Air & Electrical
White River Valley Electric Co-op

Friends of the Chamber

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Marilyn Alms
David and Mary Kay Davidson
Donna Eslinger
Bill Jones
Van Kelly
Danny and Charlene Letsinger
Janice Lorrain
David and Dorothy Norman
Richard and Marcia Salgado
Norma Stillings
Carol Turner



Fundraising: The Art of Asking for Money - Friday, February 12, 2021 1PM - 4PM

In this Nonprofit Workshop Series, you will come out of this class armed with knowledge of how to grow your fundraising program and the confidence to request funds to fulfill your organization's mission.

Grant Writing: Writing a Winning Proposal - Friday, February 26, 2021 1PM - 4:30PM

In this OzSBI Nonprofit Workshop Series, you will learn the basic principles of effective grant writing, the steps to developing a targeted proposal and where to search for funds. You will take away essential grant writing tips and skills.

Register at www.ozsbi.com to attend, or call 417-256-9724 for more information.

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and organizations.

The John N. Dickison Award, established in 1989, is awarded each year in recognition of a Douglas County citizen of good reputation, who has longevity in community service and dedication to our community and its citizens.

The Will McFarlin Youth Award, established in 1995, is awarded to recognize an outstanding high school youth of good reputation, for his or her community service & leadership.

Nominations for both awards may be submitted to the Ava Chamber of Commerce office located at 810 Collins Avenue, by mail at PO Box 1103, Ava MO 65608, or email director@avachamber.org.

Nominations close March 15, 2021.



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(WOTC) Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program
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All Missouri Job Center services and programs are FREE. For more information, please contact Missouri Job Center-West Plains at 417-256-3158.

New Ava Community Guide & Business Directory Now Available



This full-color, 55-page publication represents and promotes the Ava/Douglas County area, its activities and events, businesses, points of interest, and includes other valuable information.

Aside from the many annual community events sponsored by the Chamber, this annual publication is one of the largest projects produced by the Ava Chamber office.

In Ava Community Guide/Chamber Business Directory, area Businesses, Clubs, and Organizations are represented with color ads and easy to find listings. Area Points of Interest are highlighted, Community Events & Activities are promoted, and submitted area photos paint a picture of our beautiful surroundings and people. There are interesting articles, City and Fire District Maps, and many important numbers are listed in the front for ease of access.

This is just one of the many ways the Ava Chamber continues to promote and support the Ava - Douglas County area. Stop by the Ava Chamber office to pick up your complimentary copy. This 13th edition is the best one yet!

First Southern Baptist Church to Host Chamber Luncheon

The next Chamber Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 9th, at 12:00pm. It will be hosted by the First Southern Baptist Church in their fellowship hall. Luncheons are complimentary and provide a great networking opportunity for members. Masks are welcome but not required.

Chamber Member News

KKOZ Radio's annual Bids-For-Bargains has begun and will continue each Friday and Saturday through May! Tune into 91.2 FM at 9:30am each week, right after Trading Post, to bid on great deals from local businesses, Branson tickets, and more! You won't want to miss it!

Lions Club of Ava—Monthly meetings are the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 12pm. Everyone is welcome! Do you have a heart for our community and want to contribute to making it a better place? Come and see what the Ava Lions are all about. Call Richard at 417-543-8939 for more information or to rent the Lions Club building.

White River Valley Electric Co-op has a couple of community youth programs they would like to share with you. *The Youth Tour Experience* offers high school juniors the opportunity to attend gatherings (virtual or in person) with state representatives and other Youth Tour recipients, leadership development courses, and other impactful benefits. Recipients are also privy to additional scholarship opportunities. White River Valley Electric will award to three students the exclusive Youth Tour experience and a \$1500 scholarship. To be considered for this award and opportunity, students must complete a project answering the question, "How will the Cooperative power your future?" These are due by February 28th.

The Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience Program (CYCLE) is a three-day

conference in Jefferson City that brings together high school sophomores from across the state for a unique and exciting leadership experience. This trip is scheduled July 21-23. Program officials are monitoring the pandemic and will notify applicants of changes to the program or prizes. Applications are due April 30th.

Learn more about these wonderful opportunities at whiteriver.org/community/youth-programs/

Russell Cellular Ava invites you to slide into the director's chair and create share-ready videos on the spot with multi-cam recording and automatic pro-style effects with the new Samsung S21. Stop in at your local Russell Cellular store to find out how to get up to \$750 off when you trade in your phone and pre-order the S21 (*Restrictions apply, see store for details*).

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February
Chamber
Luncheon

February 9th - 12PM

Hosted by:

First Southern Baptist Church

On Johnson Ave. across from upper park

Upcoming Luncheons

March - Ava R1 Schools

April - Christos House

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News from the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District Mark Twain National Forest



Campground Hosts Needed for the 2021 Season

Zone 3 of the Mark Twain National Forest, home to the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs and Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger Districts, is looking for campground hosts for the 2021 season at Cobb Ridge Campground on Ava unit (April-September), North Fork Campground on Willow Springs unit (May-November), and Lane Springs Campground on Houston unit (April-September). Campground hosting is a volunteer position. We offer a small reimbursement/day for incidentals. Duties of a host are to provide courteous, professional assistance to campers; to keep the campground clean by cleaning campsites, picking up trash, cleaning the facilities (restrooms, showers), taking water tests, and posting reservations. All of these duties may not need to be done at all recreation sites. A background check will be performed due to the fact a host interacts with public. If you are interested in being a campground host, please contact Darla Rein or Carrie Bond at 417-683-4428 for Cobb Ridge and North Fork and Tray Hall at 417-967-4194 for Lane Springs to learn more about hosting opportunities.

Fire/Fuels- Fire continues to prep for prescribed fire lines and implement prescribed burns as the weather permits. We continue to respond to wildfires. Several of our employees are taking fire trainings as they are made available and we are instructing a few courses locally here on the zone. We are also assisting recreation and engineering with some heavy equipment projects.

Administration- In honor of President's Day on February 15, 2021, the Ava and Cassville District Offices will be closed. Please feel free to call the Ava District Office at 417-683-4428.